

## 63-1103 Definition of Elderly or Disabled for CalFresh

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### **63-1103.1 Definition of Elderly Household Members**

An elderly CalFresh household member is a member of a household who is 60 years of age or older.

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### **63-1103.2 Definition of Disabled Household Members**

A disabled CalFresh household member is member of a household who is at least one of the following:

- Receives disability retirement benefits from a governmental agency because of a disability considered permanent under Section 221(i) of the Social Security Act; or
- Receives interim assistance benefits pending receipt of SSI, provided that the eligibility to receive those benefits is based upon disability or blindness criteria, which are at least as stringent as those used under Title XVI of the Social Security Act; or
- Receives disability-related medical assistance under Title XIX (Medi-Cal) of the Social Security act; or
- Receives disability-based general assistance benefits, provided that the eligibility to receive those benefits is based upon disability or blindness criteria which are at least as stringent as those used under Title XVI of the Social Security Act; or
- Is a veteran:
  - With a service-connected, or non-service-connected disability rated by the Veteran's Administration (VA) as total or paid as total by the VA under Title 38 of the United States Code; or
  - Considered by the VA to be in need of regular aid and attendance or permanently housebound under Title 38 of the United States Code;
- Is a surviving spouse of a veteran considered by the VA:
  - To be in need of regular aid and attendance, or permanently housebound;
  - To be entitled to compensation for a service-connected death or pension benefits for a non-service-connected death under Title 38 of the United States Code; and has a disability

considered permanent under Section 221(i) of the Social Security Act;

or

- Is a surviving child of a veteran:
  - Considered by the VA to be permanently incapable of self-support under Title 38 of the United States Code; or
  - Considered by the VA to be entitled to compensation for a service-connected death or pension benefits for a non-service-connected death under Title 38 of the United States Code; and has a disability considered permanent under Section 221(i) of the Social Security Act;

"Entitled" as used in this definition, refers to those veterans' surviving spouses and surviving children who are receiving the compensation or pension benefits stated, or have been approved for such payments, but are not yet receiving them.

or

- Receives an annuity payment under Section 2(a)(1)(iv) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 and is determined to be eligible to receive Medicare by the Railroad Retirement Board; or Section 2(a)(1)(v) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 and is determined to be disabled based upon the criteria used under Title XVI of the Social Security Act.

or

- Receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits under Title XVI, or disability or blindness payments under Title II (Social Security Disability Insurance Program) of the Social Security Act;

In California, SSI recipients will be included as a member of the household for purposes of household composition. However, they will be excluded from the household for the purpose of determining household size, eligibility or benefit level.

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